20. *General.*—The year under report was the most anxious that the State has ever passed through. The Honourable Dr. Babu Rajendra Prasad, Minister for Food and Agriculture, Government of India, visited the State in April 1947, together with the officers of the Food Department and studied with interest the prevailing food position in the State and appreciated the existing systems of procurement and distribution of foodgrains.

The officers and staff had a very difficult task and Government are glad to note that the work of the Department was satisfactory.

A. S. KHALEEL, *Food Secy.*

EDUCATION SECRETARIAT

Reviews the Administration Report of the Government Presses and Allied Offices for the year 1946-47.

READ—

Letter No. P. 2700, dated 10—16th January 1948, from the Superintendent, Government Printing, submitting a report on the working of the Government Central Press, *Mysore Gazette* Office, Office of the Registrar of Authorised publications in Mysore, the Government Branch Press, Mysore, and the Government Central Book Depot, Bangalore, for the year 1946-47.

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Recorded.

2. Mr. B. Krishnaswamy Chetty continued to be the Superintendent, Government Printing and allied offices throughout the official year.

Plant and Stores.—The net value of the Plant at the Central Press, at the beginning of the year was Rs. 2,05,889. Additions to the extent of Rs. 5,539 were made during the year raising the total value of the plant to Rs. 2,11,428. The net value of the plant at the Branch Press, Mysore, at the beginning of the year was Rs. 44,386 and additions to the extent of Rs. 796 were made during the year raising the total of the plant to Rs. 45,182. The total stock of stores at the Central Press at the beginning of the year was Rs. 9,296, stocks to the value of Rs. 30,006 were added during the year and stock to the value of Rs. 28,992 were consumed during the year and the balance on 30th June 1947 was Rs. 10,310.

Expenditure.—The expenditure of the Central Press for the year was Rs. 2,32,735 as against Rs. 2,01,657 in the previous year, and of the Branch Press, Mysore, was Rs. 78,903 as against Rs. 64,702 for 1945-46.

Out-turn of work.—The work done in the Government Presses at Bangalore and Mysore during the year comprised 79,555 standard pages of various sizes composed, 48,725,282 impressions printed and 2,692,187 books bound as against 78,636, 46,932,153 and 2,139,979, respectively, in the previous year.

Mysore Gazette.—The cost of printing *Mysore Gazette*, amounted to Rs. 67,032 as against Rs. 53,036 in the previous year while the receipt was Rs. 22,508 representing 33·57 per cent of the cost of printing as against Rs. 19,870 representing 37·46 per cent of the cost of printing in the previous year.

Registration of Books.—The number of books reg during the year numbered 310 as against 213 in the p year.

Miscellaneous Receipts.—The total amount reali work done in the Central Press to Paying Departments the year including book adjustment amounted to Rs. 1, as against Rs. 1,79,247 in the previous year.

The total amount realised from the paying Depar in the Branch Press, Mysore, was Rs. 1,01,112 as Rs. 93,546 in the previous year.

Private work of the value of Rs. 3,242 was done a Presses. A sum of Rs. 4,432 was realised on account of waste paper cuttings to the Mysore Paper Mills.

The Government Central Book Depot.—The sale of tional Publications was carried out through 296 rec book-sellers and the official publications through 38 sellers at the District Headquarters and at the Centra Depot, Bangalore.

The number of subscribers to High Court Reports w as against 56 in the previous year.

The total issues during the year was 296,988 as 195,187 in the previous year. The net cash realisation the year at the Central Book Depot amounted to Rs. 2, as against Rs. 1,64,444 in the previous year, resulting ncrease of Rs. 64,036.

Vocational Class, Elementary Educational Class Co-operative Society.—The Vocational Classes for High Students and the Elementary Educational Classes t younger employees of the Press were continued dur year. The Press Co-operative Society had 322 mem its roll with a transaction of about Rs. 41,000 as again members with a transaction of Rs. 32,137 in the p year. There were 39 members on the roll of Branch Co-operative Society and the transactions was Rs. during the year.

General.—Standardisation of forms of the two Br of the Comptroller's Office have been completed. The of other Branches and some other Departments have be standardized.

2. Job Costing System was introduced in the C ment Press during the year.

3. Night shift work to print several kinds of Text of the Education Department and to clear the arr Printing work was introduced from 16th December 19 the end of October 1947.

4. Rules regarding leave, overtime work, etc., t Industrial Establishment were liberalised.

5. Aprons and washing soaps to the Work Establis of the Presses were ordered to be supplied.

The work of the Government Presses and Allied continued to be satisfactory.

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Printed by the Superintendent at the Government Press, Bangalore.